

## University prepares to help control possible avian flu pandemic

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If birds could talk, they'd say they were experiencing a pandemic of the avian flu, said the director and chief medical officer for Nebraska Health and Human Services. And in preparation for possible human-to-human transmission, university officials have already begun planning for the worst.

"I think that it's important to distinguish what's happening in birds and its potential to come into a human," said Joann Schaefer, the director of Nebraska Health and Human Services.

The most recent case involving humans was a 17-year-old who died in Egypt after contracting the flu, and outbreaks among poultry in England mean the risk might be closer than ever to U.S. shores. Epidemics are usually restricted to outbreaks within a specific area, while pandemics affect the global community.

The avian flu refers to H5N1, avian influenza A, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It can be deadly to birds as well as humans who come into contact with the infected animals.

The virus is transmitted through fluids, and 60 percent of those who contracted the virus died, said Marcia

Adler, Student Health Services director.

"Those living in close contact with the birds' saliva [or] feces are the ones getting sick," said Adler. "This is a virus that's being tracked across the globe."

Similar to the common flu, a specific vaccine could not be mass-produced for six to eight months after the first contact with infected humans because the specific strain would not be known, said Adler. Schaefer said that was an optimistic timeline.

"It would probably take six to nine months," said Schaefer. "It depends on how quickly they can isolate the virus and grow it."

The vaccine would be developed from chicken eggs, said Adler. During a pandemic, these might be contaminated, making the vaccine even harder to produce on a large scale.

There are other means of preparation. Adler is working to educate the university through workshops, highlighting the risks of the avian flu and instructing the participants in how to be ready for an outbreak. She is also hoping to hold public forums to hear from and speak to the community and students.

"Forty percent of the population won't go to work," said Adler. "And with a 60 percent mortality rate, the infrastructure

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photo by Patrick Doty

### Dancing to the music

Two-year-old Alex Wetzel dances to the song "YMCA" during the final minutes of the men's basketball game with the help of his grandfather, Steve Vanderslice. Steve is the father of Mar guard Josh Vanderslice. See pg. 7 for basketball coverage.

## HPER renovation proposal to be drafted for Board of Regents, campus Future of newspaper program to be decided by budget commission

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A proposal has been drafted to renovate, enlarge and update the facilities at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building. The potential \$38.6 million plan would add more space for treadmills, free-weights, a juice bar, 110 new



parking spaces and a stellar revamping of the exterior, allowing for more natural lighting.

HPER Director Dan Blanke said that from the 1,880 students and 413 faculty and staff who responded to a survey last year, the university has a good idea of what needs to be done to the aging building. The results lead to the contracting of an outside firm that drafted preliminary sketches of what they hope HPER will someday look like.

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Students seemed to be receptive to the Collegiate Readership Program, with increasing readers each week until the pilot's end on Feb. 2. However, the Student Activities Budget Commission will decide whether student fees will fund the program next fall on Feb. 26.

The pilot of the Collegiate Readership Program brought four weeks of free copies of *USA Today*, *Omaha World-Herald* and the *New York Times* to UNO students, staff and faculty. The full program would be supported by an increase in student fees, anywhere from \$2 to \$5 for each student, and would provide these or almost any other newspaper to campus.

"It was becoming successful," said James Hulstein, former student government vice president, who

spearheaded the pilot. "On one of the days, there was a glitch where one of the trucks wasn't able to deliver its paper at 6 a.m., it was more like 9 [a.m.], but 10 students came into the office, up in arms asking where the papers were."

During the pilot's first week 6,410 papers were taken from the seven locations around campus, with the Milo Bail Student Center being the most popular, according to data provided by student government.

Students took 5,686 newspapers during the pilot's second week. Which included the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday that Monday. The third week used 7,867 newspapers, and the fourth jumped to 8,802 newspapers.

Student government gauged reaction to the pilot through newspaper numbers

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## News You Can Use

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### Writing Center announces spring workshops

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Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Presented by Al Kammerer and Bobbi Olson

*Battle Royale: Active Voice vs. Passive Voice*  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, from noon to 1 p.m.  
Presented by Kate Gaskin

### Rein In Runaway Sentences: Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences and Fragments

Thursday, March 1, from noon to 1 p.m.  
Presented by Connie Eberhart

*How Do I Document This Source Using MLA?*  
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### Tuition remainder due soon

The second billing for UNO tuition and fees was generated on Feb. 2. Students are expected to pay off the remainder of their bill by Feb. 20 or face late penalties.

The UNO Cashiering/Student Accounts Office will be open for students to pay their bill in person from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Feb. 20. Payment can be deposited into the drop-box, located near the end of the Cashiering/Student Accounts Office. Students have access to this drop box from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Another option is mailing the payment to the address listed on the payment stub. Remember to allow a few business days for mailing time. Students can also pay online with a credit card at cashiering.unomaha.edu.

### UNO celebrates Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, UNO is hosting the following events.

All events are open and free to the public.

*Lynch Fragments: The Works of Mel Edwards*  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom

*The Image of the Young Black Male: A Panel Discussion of Kehinde Wiley*

Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom

*Imani Wind Quintet*  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room

*"The Struggle and YOU," with M-1 of Dead Prez*  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, from noon to 1 p.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room

*The Business of Hip Hop*  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room

*Malcolm X film screening*  
Thursday, Feb. 22, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Eppley Administration Building Auditorium

*Bellevue East High School Chieftain Steppers Incorporated step dancing exhibition*

Monday, Feb. 26, from noon to 1 p.m.  
Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room

### Healthy Heart Day events held Feb. 19

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend "Healthy Heart Day" Monday, Feb. 19. Student Health Services will be offering free giveaways from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room.

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## Second most-popular drink in the world makes its way to Omaha



photo by Michelle Bishop

Studies have shown that tea may have health benefits ranging from boosting your metabolism to cancer prevention.

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STAFF WRITER

Caffeine often becomes a college student's best friend at some point during their academic career. Whether it's in the form of an all-nighter aid or a morning coffee-shop routine, caffeine seems to find its way into the bloodstream of students across the spectrum.

Because of the caffeine craze, more people are looking for alternatives to coffee as their beverage of choice. This could explain why a handful of tea shops have popped up in Omaha over the past few years.

Nikki Smith is the manager of the Tea Smith on 78th and Dodge streets. She said college students are not only migrating to the Tea Smith for the free wireless Internet that they can enjoy with their favorite blend of tea, but also "the atmosphere is conducive to studying."

Because tea does not leave you feeling jittery, it is the perfect study aid to help you keep alert, but focused.

"Generally, the tea is ingested more to the digestive system," Smith said.

Contrastingly, coffee goes straight to the nervous system. This explains why coffee can cause you to have the jitters, while tea has a more sustained level of caffeine absorption.

Smith explained another benefit of loose-leaf tea is you can get more than one infusion out of the same leaf because the leaf has a larger surface area. Drink prices start at an average of \$3 to \$5 for 25 cups of tea at the Tea Smith, which is the price many coffee houses charge for one cup o' joe.

Tea has other benefits that affect more than just your wallet. Some studies have shown that tea may have health benefits, ranging from boosting your metabolism to cancer prevention.

A recent study on Japanese men suggests that

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### UNO Collegiate Readership Program Brought to you by Student Government



### Attention Students:

The Collegiate Readership Program Trial Period ended February 2. Please direct your questions and comments to [sguno@unomaha.edu](mailto:sguno@unomaha.edu), they will be included in the presentation to the Student Activities Budget Commission. SABC will determine if raising student fees to continue the program in the fall on a permanent basis will be beneficial for the students.

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The College of Public Affairs and Community Service Senator must be a student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and enrolled in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. Senators research and propose legislation that is in the best interest of the student body. Senators must attend a meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. and complete one office hour a week.

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# Honor society hosts spelling bee to raise books for needy children

CHAEI FORTINA  
STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of raising books and challenging IQs, Order of Omega is hosting its first S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E for the UNO community.

On Feb. 18, at 8 p.m., the UNO chapter of Order of Omega, a greek honor society, is putting on a spelling bee to raise book donations for underprivileged children in the Metro area.

The Order of Omega chapter chose this event as their annual philanthropy in order to promote scholarship and generate interest in reading among children.

"We are really excited to host our first spelling bee, and we are looking forward to raising a lot of books for local elementary schools," said Brenton Thompson, Order of Omega vice president of finance. "Plus, I'm

ready to see who the ultimate speller is."

All UNO students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and watch the spellers compete. The suggested admission is a \$3 donation or at least one children's book.

Those interested in competing in the spelling bee can contact Nathan Fuchtmann, Order of Omega's vice president of programming, at [nfuchtmann@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:nfuchtmann@mail.unomaha.edu). Winners will receive prizes donated by local stores and restaurants.

"I haven't been involved with a spelling bee since I was in second grade," Fuchtmann said. "It will be fun to see how well college students do."

People Editor Jamee Clasen contributed to this report

# Alternative options: Valentine's Day guide for the single guy

COMMENTARY BY  
ERIC SOBCZAK  
STAFF WRITER

If you are in a relationship, buying a Valentine's Day gift (unless it's for your mom) is like being a death row inmate picking an execution method. You try to make a good decision. Everyone pretends to be happy with the outcome, but it always ends fatally.

Thankfully, some of us don't have to make those decisions. These "some" are the single guys that I so proudly represent. We don't have to buy Valentine's Day gifts and we don't have

to provide Valentine's Day cheer. Then again, we also aren't getting any sweet loving. Damn.

I guess either way, single or coupled; Valentine's Day is a no-win situation. However, here are some tips to help the single guy make Valentine's Day tolerable.

## Don't do a damned thing

You know what I mean. Just treat it like any other day. Go to class. Go to work. Pay no attention to the "holiday."

## Make fun of your friends that have

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# Digging through decades of couture creations for fresh fashion trends

## Real Fashion



Alex May

What goes around comes around. But I'm not talking karma here. I recently raided my mom's closets (yes, plural). No holiday sweaters or matronly pleated Eddie Bauer khakis here. In fact, my mom is probably my biggest fashion influence. As a child I wore mini minks to match hers (I'm sorry, PETA. I was a child and didn't know any better) and purple suede

(ouch, again) bejeweled penny loafers.

What I discovered this past week while looking through her bountiful wardrobe is that things she had years ago (OK, decades ago) have already made, or are currently making, a big comeback. I got a fur shrug, sequin kimono-like top and some sweet costume jewelry. But you get so much more. You see, now I

can share with you my guide to recycled fashion. And away we go...

The following items can be found new or vintage, which is really much more charming, is it not? Raid a family member's closet, or rummage around Goodwill. Or buy new and save it for the coming generations and posterity. Trust me, they'll thank you later!

1 Trend: Headbands. I swore I'd never do it, but I'm wearing one right now. They are a great way to accessorize any outfit, and a great excuse not to fix your hair. Last seen in: The 50s and, of course, the ragin' 80s, the decade of my youth.

2 Trend: Leggings. You can't argue the comfort factor. These slinky little devils are popping up under denim skirts, long sweaters and baby doll dresses. They come in tons of colors and patterns and are an easy way to make any boring outfit instantly funky. Last seen in: The 50s gave us pedal pushers, but the 80s really get credit for this *Flashdance* staple.

3 Trend: Chunky peep-toe heels: These pin-up style classics are seen all over Hollywood, especially on Christina Aguilera's polished feet. From red patent

leather to leopard print, they look great with dresses or jeans. Last seen in: The 40s and 50s. Think Betty Page.

4 Trend: Baby doll dresses. Now you can wear them alone, with funky tights or leggings, or even over jeans. The empire waist found on most is unmistakable. Last seen in: The 60s. You know what I'm talking about. Courtney Love tried to single-handedly bring them back. She almost ruined it for the rest of us.

Questions? Comments? My door (well, my e-mail inbox anyway) is always open: ammay@mail.unomaha.edu.

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getting into shape might be as easy as one, two, tea. According to WebMD.com, the catechins found in green tea may reduce body fat when incorporated into a consistent diet.

There are about two calories in one cup of tea, according to calorie-count.com. However, if you order a tall Café Mocha with whipped cream from Starbucks, you are consuming more than 500 calories. That's an entire meal in one Styrofoam cup.

So the next time you feel a cold coming on, instead of reaching for the Tylenol, the cure could be as close as your nearest tea shop in the form of ginger-infused tea. This root is said to relieve nausea, cold symptoms and sore throats, and comes highly recommended by Smith.

Marcia Adler, coordinator of Student Health Services at UNO, said tea is a good way to get warm hydration. Because the prospect of drinking plain hot water might seem unappetizing to some, infusing it with a blend of your favorite tea to warm up after freezing cold walks around campus can be helpful.

Adler also said tea may be a helpful aid to asthma sufferers. When asthmatic symptoms arise, Adler has observed that tea took away the trigger for one of her patients.

In addition, Adler compared tea to "mom's medicine cabinet" because it can be a home remedy for many cold and flu symptoms, such as sore throats or nausea, due to its properties as an anitmetic.

Though the health benefits of tea remain disputed, enough people find the idea intriguing that tea shops all over Omaha are having no trouble pulling in customers. If not for the health benefits, more people are leaving coffee behind and exploring the variety that tea has to offer.

"You have more than 3,000 types of tea to choose from," Smith said.

Because so many varieties of tea exist, the Tea Smith has narrowed their selection to around 95 different loose-leaf teas. This allows many more options than your standard coffee house, so people can experience several varieties of tea.

"It's a booming industry for health benefits and alternatives to soda," Smith said.

She added that tea is the second most-commonly drank substance in the world, and is currently No. 6 in the United States.

With the increased interest in tea, perhaps it will soon climb the charts as America's most drink of choice. However, until the health benefits of tea can be scientifically substantiated, it will be up to the general public to judge whether they can physically or mentally benefit from drinking tea one cup at a time.

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## Hockey team nets loss, tie in showdown with top-ranked Fighting Irish

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

It could have been better, it could have been worse.

As they headed off to face the No. 1 team in college hockey twice on their home ice, it would have been easy to see the UNO Mavericks coming home with a goose egg.

On the other hand, it would have been conceivable for the scrappy Mavs, clawing for fourth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and a first-round bye in the playoffs, to play giant killers and grab four points in the standings.

Instead, UNO bounced back from a tough loss Friday night to notch a 2-2 tie with the University of Notre Dame Saturday and hang onto a share of fifth place in the CCHA.

The one-point weekend was just enough to keep the Mavs even with Ohio State, who swept Northern Michigan in their series, and set up a grudge match when the Buckeyes arrive at the Civic this weekend.

The Mavericks were primed for an upset

Friday night at the Joyce Center. More than 100 rowdy UNO fans bussed to South Bend for the weekend to lend their vocal support to the Mavs.

"It was great to see them all come down," said goalie Jeremie Dupont. "A few times they were louder than all the other people in the stands."

After both teams went scoreless in the first two periods, the Fighting Irish found the net 1:43 into the third to take a 1-0 lead.

But just minutes later, the Mavs stormed back with goals 57 seconds apart to claim a 2-1 advantage. The score held until Notre Dame's Justin White bagged a power play goal at 11:02 to knot the game at 2-2.

With the clock winding down and the game heading towards overtime, UND's Kevin Deeth broke the Maverick defense and scored the game-winner with just ten seconds left. Adding to the heartbreak, the Irish got an empty net goal just three seconds

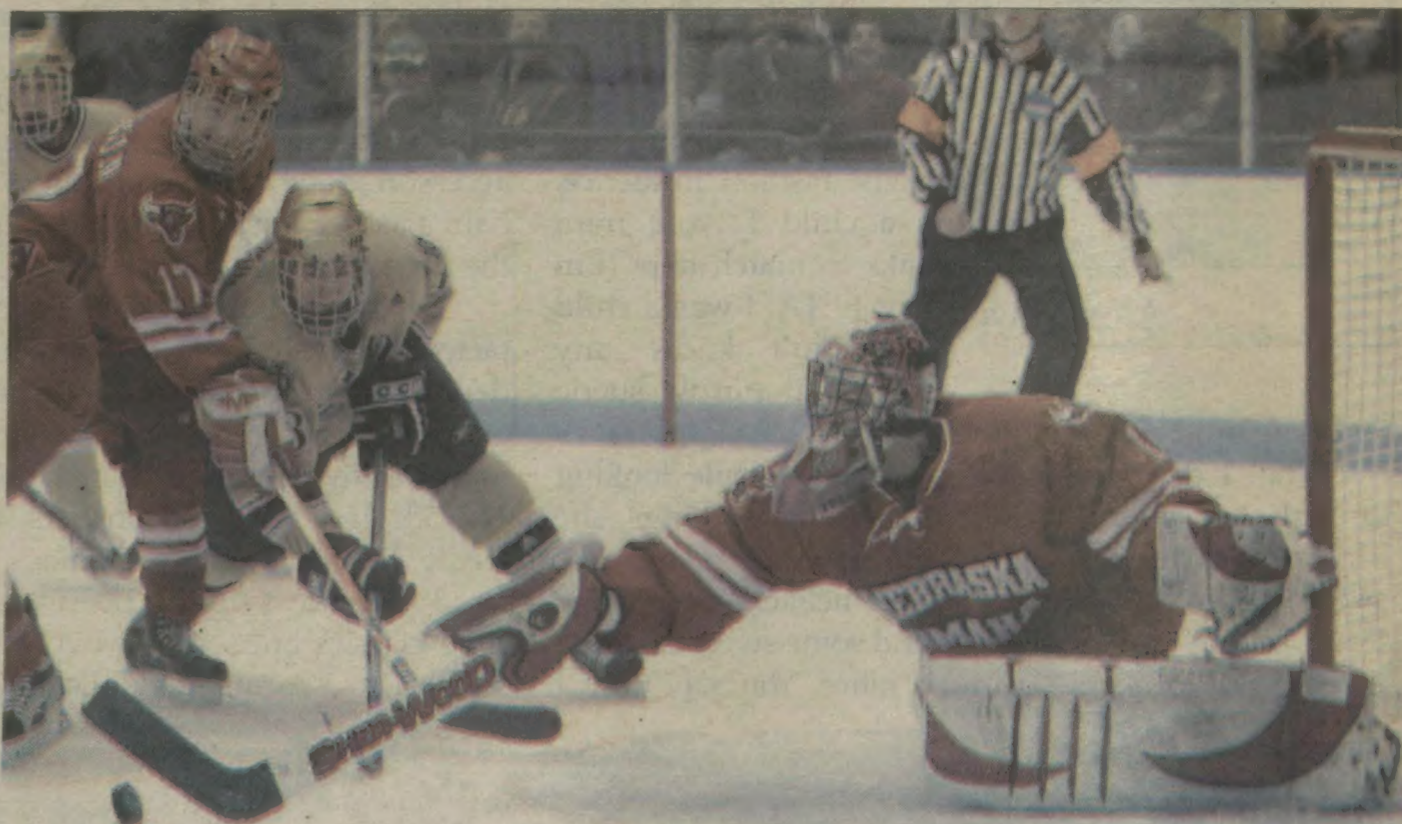


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Goalie Jeremie Dupont stretches to get his stick on the puck as UNO's Dan Swanson holds back Notre Dame's Evan Rankin during Saturday's game at the Joyce Center in South Bend, Ind.

later after the Mavs pulled Dupont in a last-ditch effort at evening the score.

Saturday's game came down to a pair of late-third-period goals, as well, but this time it was UNO's chance to spoil a shot at victory.

Notre Dame carried a 2-0 lead until just over four minutes to go in the game when the Mavs' Dan Charleston scored off assists from Phil Angell and Jeric Agosta and got the team within striking distance.

Bryan Marshall completed the Mavericks' late surge with a goal at 18:17 to tie the score and send the game into overtime. Neither team managed a goal in the extra period and the tie stood, giving the Mavs a hard-fought

point against the toughest competition in the NCAA.

Though the team's original goal of cracking the CCHA top four may be out of reach, Coach Mike Kemp said he was happy with his players' effort and looked forward to next weekend's series.

"There was no quit on the team tonight, they were determined not to let this one slip through their fingers," said Kemp. "What we need to now is focus on maintaining the fifth spot because that is going to be an important one down the road."

Photo Editor Michelle Bishop contributed to this report



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Coach Derrin Hansen gets fired up over a non-call in the Mavericks' Saturday night game against Mankato. UNO almost upset the 9th-ranked MSU team, but came up just short.

photo by Patrick Doty

## Men's basketball drops two over weekend conference homestand

JASON SIBSON  
STAFF WRITER

The UNO men's basketball team dropped their third and fourth straight games this week, starting with a 75-62 loss to the Huskies of St. Cloud State Thursday night at Sapp Fieldhouse. The visitors' 15-0 run midway through the second half crippled the Mavericks, who managed to shoot just 37 percent from the floor.

On a positive note, fans at the Sapp Thursday night were treated to a milestone and a broken school record, both courtesy of the same player.

Senior standout Zac Robinson hit career three-pointers 230, 231 and 232 to pass Mike Simons for first on UNO's all-time list. Simons held the record for seven years before Thursday night, and Robinson didn't stop there. In the game's final minutes, he became just the eighth player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau for a career.

Robinson continued his hot shooting in the first half of Saturday's home contest against Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Contributing four triples early, he helped

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## Women's basketball goes 1-1 with late loss, century mark blowout



Senior Karen Thies drives to the hoop in Saturday night's game against Mankato. Thies had a career-high 36 points on the game.

photo by Patrick Doty

TOM GILMORE  
STAFF WRITER

The UNO women's basketball team rebounded from another late-game heartbreaker to notch their second 100-point

performance of the season.

The Mavs were sitting right on the edge of the cup toward recording their 15th win of the season Thursday night. That is until St. Cloud State's Kayla Rengel scored on a lay-up with 5:10 remaining in the game to give the Huskies a 52-51 lead and changed the momentum in their direction.

UNO didn't quit, though; hanging tough, staying close and giving themselves a chance to tie the game when Lacey Geitzenauer was fouled with 12 seconds left. Geitzenauer drained both free throws to tie the game at 67-67.

On their next possession, St. Cloud got the ball across the timeline before calling timeout to set up one final play. The game looked as though it was heading for overtime when St.

Cloud's Shannon Francis' shot was blocked by UNO's Karen Thies, but Francis grabbed

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## Mav tennis team goes 2-1 over weekend Minnesota road trip



Maggie Russell

EUGENE KIM  
STAFF WRITER

The Maverick tennis team left town Friday to head towards St. Peter, Minnesota to face three opponents -- Gustavus Adolphus, Winona State and

North Dakota.

The first of the three matches was played on Friday against Gustavus Adolphus at the Swanson Indoor Tennis Center. Gustavus Adolphus won by churning out a seven-match run to claim a victory of 7-2. The Gusties swept all three doubles matches and four of the six singles matches.

Coach Bill Nichols didn't see this as a disappointment, but as a confidence booster.

"Gustavus is a school we've played the past few years. They're one of the strongest Division III teams in the country, but we had stellar performances from Rachel Faulk and Maggie Russell," he said.

Gustavus is No. 13 in polls for Division III women's tennis.

The Mavs won twice on Saturday, first against Winona State, then against North Dakota.

The first match against Winona State was neck and neck, with each team claiming half of the singles matches. UNO then put away Winona State by winning a pair of doubles matches.

Both Katie Spahn and Amy Pierson were pivotal in the win by claiming

both their doubles and singles matches. The final score for the match was UNO over Winona State, 5-4.

The Mavericks' final match of the weekend against North Dakota was the most decisive of the weekend. With a final score of 7-2, UNO returned home with a dominating win. Russell, Faulk, Pierson and Kylie Roe all won their matches in both singles and doubles play.

"The doubles matches were all close, and we were able to pull it out in the end," said graduate assistant Sarah Huls. "It is a definite advantage to go into the singles already up 3-0."

With the first road trip of the season under the Mavs' belt, the team looks forward to the rest of the season.

Nichols was pleased with his team's performance this weekend, and plans to continue the success throughout the season.

"Overall, a real team effort, and a real success. It'll certainly set us up well for seeding in the conference championships we are hosting this year. Every match is a stepping-stone to ultimately get better," said Nichols. "We've got the potential to win a regional this year. I'd say we'd be on course to possibly achieve national ranking."

The Mavs are preparing for their next match against Graceland this Friday at 6:30 at Hanscom Park Tennis Center.



Amy Pierson

## Wrestling team falls to .500 with loss to No. 4 Purple Mavericks



Todd Meneely

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

When it comes to strength of schedule, no team can touch the UNO wrestling squad.

Following Coach Mike Denney's philosophy of "steel sharpens steel," the Maverick grapplers have taken on the top schools in Division II, III and the NAIA over the last few weeks.

Unfortunately, after years of dominance, the Mavs have found the competition is a bit better honed this season.

The third-ranked Mavericks fell to 5-5 after a 27-9 loss to No. 4 Minnesota State Friday night in Mankato.

MSU rode wins in seven of ten matches, including a pin, a major decision and a technical fall, to run up the score and upset UNO.

Top-ranked Mavericks, 149-pounder Todd Meneely, 174-pounder J.D. Naig and second-ranked Jacob Marrs accounted for all of UNO's points with their three victories.

Meneely's win came in a showdown with the No. 2 wrestler

in Division II, Jason Rhoten. After Rhoten used an escape to take a 1-0 second-period lead, Meneely came back in the third with a reversal to gain a brief 2-1 advantage. Rhoten escaped to even the score, but Meneely was too quick and notched a pair of takedowns to pull out the 6-5 win.

Takedowns were also the difference in the 165-pound match, but not to UNO's advantage.

In a grudge match between No. 1 and No. 3 where both wrestlers were penalized for unnecessary roughness, MSU's Andy Pickar used a couple of takedowns to upset the Mavs' other top-ranked wrestler, Ross Taplin, by a score of 7-3.

UNO closes out the regular season tonight at 7 p.m. when they host No. 14 Augustana College in the Sapp Fieldhouse.



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## Joe-maha: Local coffee shops as diverse as the beverages they serve

GARY HANKINS

STAFF WRITER

In recent years, the Omaha metropolitan area has become a breeding ground for late-night coffee sippers and early-morning jitters, especially among college students. The region has flourished with locally-owned and run cafés and coffee shops where people of all ages can go to study, chat with friends or just relax

full coffee, wine and alcohol bar, as well as a bistro with a mixed menu, all prepared on site. Couches and chairs are scattered around the room where people can sit with their computers and use the free wireless Internet, or rent an in-house laptop for \$5 per hour. Owner Courtney Kellogg allows local artists to hang their work across the walls with contact and pricing information.

He said he doesn't charge a fee for this service as long as the artists handle all sales and communication with interested buyers. Kellogg believes the Meeting Place is a good stop for college students "because of the environment, the Internet and the many choices you have besides coffee."

Across the street from the Meeting Place is Délice European Bakery and Café.

Délice is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. They offer European foods and desserts made in house from scratch and also serve traditional sandwiches and drinks.

Délice has a 24-hour rotation of staff trained in the culinary arts for food preparation and customer

service. Frequently they will close for special events, where the back room can be used for private parties, business meetings and even off-campus classes.

"We aim to be a diverse shop as opposed to just a regular coffee house," said Holly Engdahl, a manager at Délice. "The attraction is well-rounded; most employees are close to college age, which is a friendly attraction to those customers," she said.

After 17 years, 13th Street Coffee Company is a local veteran in the coffee business. Set in a unique building on 13th Street in the Old Market, the café is open daily Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday 8 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

It features a full menu of specialty drinks as well as basic coffees and lattes. Two levels make up the building: the lower level featuring tables for studying or wireless use and the upper level with couches and chairs to unwind in. Covering the cement walls is local artwork, available for purchase at all times.

Owner Sergio DeCesare said the thing that sets 13th Street apart from other coffee houses is the service of the staff.

"We're caring, laid-back, and we do the best we can to make people feel comfortable," he said. "Anyone can come sit and study for hours without buying anything. We don't put the pressure to purchase that other corporate businesses do."

Inside an early 1900s brick building on 4524 Farnam St. is Caffeine Dreams, open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Open for five years now, Caffeine Dreams features sandwiches, smoothies, baked goods and a barrage of drinks. The outdoor patio features regular live music as well as occasional poetry readings. All coffee is roasted on site and the beans are for sale in the lounge area. Free wireless, board games and magazines filter through the two levels along with artwork by local artists.

Becky Hackett, a manager at Caffeine Dreams, said the highlight of the store is the diverse customers, the relaxed environment and the frequent celebrity visits. Hackett said they have



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Caffeine Dreams employee Elsa Fellows makes a chai latte for one of the many coffee-cravers that crowd into the shop.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Délice has become a staple in the Old Market area and a favorite coffee stop among many UNO students and faculty.

and enjoy a nice cup o' Joe.

Among the various selections are the Meeting Place, 13th Street Coffee Co., Délice, Caffeine Dreams and the Coffee Stop in Council Bluffs.

The Meeting Place, a locally run coffee house at 1123 Howard St. in the Old Market, is a café, wine and spirits bar, and bistro. The shop is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily and features a

wonderful study environment, which they are expanding and renovating to make room for the numerous college students that frequent Caffeine Dreams.

For those willing to go the extra mile for their java, the Coffee Stop in Council Bluffs is another locally-owned coffee house. Celebrating its third anniversary on Feb. 6, the Coffee Stop is located at 2713 E. Kanessville Blvd. next to K-Mart. The store is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Coffee Stop features daily sandwich and drink specials as well as pastries and other non-coffee drinks. Several couches are placed in the room with books and magazines for customers to thumb through while they sit.



photo by Michelle Bishop

The 13th Street Coffee Company is a veteran in the coffee business. It offers numerous specialty drinks and coffees.

The Coffee Stop also features regular music acts where local artists are allowed to perform their material for the community. Owner Cindy Mann said she and her husband started the shop out of a desire to offer an environment for people in the neighborhood to come sit and relax.

"It gives people an alternative to the corporate coffee shops and those in the Old Market as well," she said.

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## On The Beat: Valentine's Day plans

We have Valentine's coming up on Wednesday, but why limit your celebration to one day? You always need a place to suck up to your loved one or hook up with one. Here are a few options for Valentines weekend.

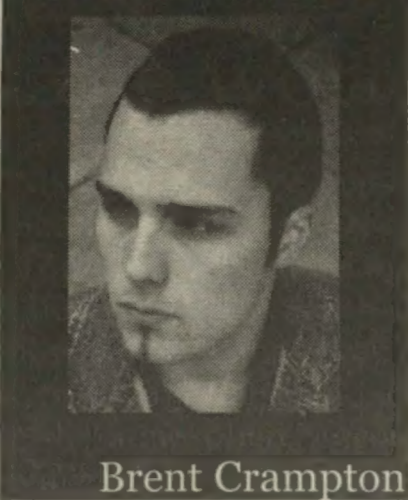
Starting things off on Friday, Omaha's blessed to have a Los Angeles hip-hop beat-ologist in town all weekend. He's become Omaha's most wanted Grammy-nominated LA DJ since he's known for throwing down underground jams and credible old school floor fillers and he goes by the name of Josh One. Every time he's been in Omaha I've seen eclectic crowds with smiles on their faces. No crunk, dirty south or gangster testosterone in the air.

He'll be performing at Nomad Lounge (1013 Jones St.) this Friday night from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., throwing down an exclusive down tempo set. Like I said, Josh One is known for his party classics, but he'll be getting a bit experimental, a bit avant-garde and with the Nomad sound, of course, a bit lounge-y. I talked to Josh One last week on the phone and he's got a whole laptop full of converted crates he usually doesn't get to play out so he's looking forward to the gig.

And if you want that classic Josh One funky hip hop set, then you can catch him at Bar 415 (415 S. 13th St.) on Sunday night from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. where you'll hear Tribe Called Quest essentials, funk-soul remixes, West-Coast gems, and possibly even some of his production work he's done with Sean Paul or L. Shenkar. Opening act will be Vic Nasty, who's been spinning records since I've been in the cradle.

But if you're looking for that

### On The Beat



Brent Crampton

quintessential Valentine's dating experience: this is my musical offering.

Saturday, start the night off with some Spanish tapas and sangria at Espana (6064 Maple St.) in downtown Benson. With beautiful art on the walls, wood floors, high ceiling, candles and a warm and sexy atmosphere, you can't go wrong doing the spicy couple thing there. Top it all off with live music by Tablao (formerly known as La Bodega). Tablao is an acoustic Latin group headed by Spanish guitarist and UNO professor, Hadley Haven with vocal accompaniment by his daughter. Word on the street is that they have a new album coming out soon, and while I've never heard them perform before, I know people who swear by them, so make sure to check their performance at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. that night.

And then after that, from Spanish to French, Omaha's deep, dark and sexy den named Nomad Lounge is going all-out with their Valentine's celebration. Scantly clad models passing out drinks, a poised Cupid running around shooting arrows, Omaha Theater Ballet dancers performing on elevated platforms, rose petals on the table tops, old diaries purchased from Ebay. These are just some of the elements that event coordinator, Rachel Richards and Nomad have put together for the night. The music will be headed up by Zachary Tiller, and he'll be divulging in French underground beats, which will include anything from French hip hop, disco, broken beat and symphonic sounds.

If the combination of those two things doesn't swoon your loved one it's probably time to say goodbye.

### From VALENTINE'S DAY: Page 4

#### girlfriends

Your buddies are spending their beer money on things that will die, be eaten or be thrown away within a week. And for what? This is the only day you have a slight upper hand on them. Sure they might be able to get laid with greater ease than you can, but on Valentine's Day they have to pay for it. Making fun of them for this is free (just don't call their girlfriends prostitutes).

#### Only get something for your mom/grandmas

As hippies and people who shop at all natural grocery stores like to say, "Love your mother." Even if you are the cheapest slacker there is, you must adhere to this rule in the form of something tangible on Valentine's Day. Hopefully you've already bought her something. But there is absolutely no point in getting any other female something. If this is your method of "working chicks," you really need to re-evaluate your "game."

#### Don't hook up with anyone you meet on Valentine's Day (if you plan on talking to them again)

If you plan a Valentine's Day first date, it will be the most awkward day of your life. This is another no-win situation. You will either over-do it or under-do it, you won't just do it. You aren't Nike. If you met someone less than a week ago you might already be doomed. This rule also goes for hooking up with people one week before Christmas or their birthday.

On the other hand, if you really want some company tomorrow you should...

#### Hang out at Walgreen's

Every single chick ever will be watching American Idol on Valentine's Day with her other single friends. I know this because every single chick ever watches American Idol, and if they group up on Valentine's Day they have an excuse to eat chocolate. That is why you hang out at Walgreen's and wait for them to buy their chocolate. That is when you make your move. Pretend you were going to do the same thing. I only advise this for people who are truly desperate for company though, because 1) you will probably have to buy some chocolate and 2) you will have to watch American Idol. Otherwise, there are always the craigslist.com personals.

#### Just pretend it's St. Patrick's Day

Why not? Go out to a bar with some of your other single buddies decked out in green clothes and green beads. You will get attention from the ladies. You'll kind of look like a fool, but if you act smooth you might be able to pull it off. Pinch them, tell them they aren't wearing green and give them some beads. When they tell you that you got the holiday wrong, ask them what they mean and tell them you do this every night (deadpan). With some luck they will also hate Valentine's Day and the two of you will ride off in the distance, about to have the best Valentine's Day ever.

With this advice I guarantee that Valentine's Day will be no worse than any other day of your life. At least you aren't on death row.

### From WOMEN'S B-BALL: Page 7

her own rebound and fed Kayla Rengel under the basket to score the game-winning lay-up with one second remaining.

UNO couldn't even get a last shot off as time expired and the Huskies escaped Sapp Fieldhouse with a 69-67 win.

The loss spoiled the outstanding performance of UNO guard Alyssa Green. Green was 7 of 12 from the field with 19 points. She also backed up her performance with five rebounds and four steals.

Thies was the only other UNO player to score in double digits with 13 points.

Despite the loss, Coach Patty Patton Shearer felt the Mavericks played hard against a tough opponent and said she looked forward to Saturday's game.

"You can sit and dwell on that or look at an opportunity to come out and get a win," she said. "I was happy with us; I thought our effort was great."

The Mavs needed to keep that effort up against a hard-charging Minnesota State University, Mankato team Saturday night.

In a rapid-fire start, the Mavericks of UNO traded blows with the Mavericks of MSU to the tune of six lead changes and eight ties in the first ten minutes of the game.

Mankato's up-tempo play didn't faze UNO, though, as they clamped down and surged in the final minutes of the half to build a 52-37 lead at the break.

"That was the real turning point," said Shearer. "We rebounded, we blocked out and I thought we were much better attacking the basket."

UNO came out of the locker room a bit sluggish and allowed Mankato to creep back to an eight-point deficit, but then exploded behind the longball marksmanship of Thies.

After a 14-point first half, Thies found another gear entirely, lighting up Mankato for 22 in the second to finish with 36 points and a school record-tying seven three-pointers.

The Mavs went on to build as much as a 25-point lead on their way to a commanding 102-80 victory.

Though Thies was clearly excited about her big night, she gave much of the credit to her teammates for getting her plenty of open looks.

"I haven't been open for weeks or months like that and I was just happy about it I guess," she said. "[Tara Abbott] and [Green] did a great job penetrating and drawing the defense. [Geitzenauer] had a good skip pass. We passed the ball really well tonight and they got me the ball when I was open. It wouldn't have happened without that."

Sports Editor Jason Glenn contributed to this report

## Crossword

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- 1 GP group
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  - 31 Christmas burner
  - 34 Satisfy fully
  - 35 Period
  - 38 Adds up
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  - 43 Arizona's — Desert
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  - 51 Thwart
  - 53 Marsh grass
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## Media candidate's worst nightmare

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

Hillary, Biden, McCain, Giuliani, Vilsack and perhaps numerous others I've probably forgotten about all fighting each other to be the last man or woman standing. And to be the President of the United States.

And every night, we get yet another update for "You Decide 2008," telling us either who's running, who's traveling where to schmooze which voters, or something else that normally would be covered.

Although I shouldn't be biting the hand that feeds me, I honestly think that the news media, especially network news, will be the bane of any candidate who thought it'd be a good idea to declare their candidacy now.

It will be the bane in the eyes of the voting public. We, the people who have to choose one of these suits to lead us, have been bombarded left and right about what the candidates are doing, and sooner or later, they're going to say, "That's it, I've had enough."

Don't think so? I understand. It might be my cold talking here, but take another look at one of the major news stories that happened last week: the death of Anna Nicole Smith. Now, for the record, I send my condolences to the Smith family, and I wish them well in this troubling time.

But we're already in Day 2, and though the coverage has been somewhat diluted from what it was Thursday, we're still talking about it on the news. An autopsy report came back inconclusive on Friday, so we'll probably still be hearing about this case as you're reading this

We're only about six weeks into 2007, and we already have enough presidential candidates to constitute two reality TV teams. It's like *Survivor: The Beltway* Obama,

fine paper. Heck, we already have newscasters camped out at the hotel where she passed.

But, how many times are you, the general public, going to hear this story before the thought goes through your head of "Yeah, it's sad she'd be dead, and the coroner still needs more time to figure out what really happened, but enough is enough."

The same concept can be applied here. The media's going to follow any candidate throwing their hat into the ring wherever they go, and sooner or later, the voting public's going to get sick of it.

Personally, I already am sick, in more than one way. No wonder why my nightly line up consists of Jim Cramer, Glenn Beck, Jean Luc Picard, and whatever's on the movie channels. And I'm not alone. I've spoken to people in both parties who are sick of this.

My recommendation to anyone in the presidential race, or those wanting to jump in: If you're not in, wait. If you're already in, drop off of the campaign radar at least until November of this year. Go back to doing whatever you did before you declared your running, even if it was nothing at all.

I've been on the frontlines of a political campaign in this past election cycle, and many of the voting public have just cleansed themselves of the mud and other filth that they had to trudge through in order to vote, if they even did vote. And now, thanks to an overzealous media, we're right back in the middle of it.

If you really want to work on a campaign, there's plenty of behind-the-scenes work that your campaign can work on in the meantime, and you sure as heck don't need a camera crew to do it.

The bottom line is the media is going to be the worst enemy of anyone thinking about announcing their candidacy now, or those who already have. If you're very serious about running, stay off the campaign radar and give voters a break. Then, when we get around November, you'll have a better shot at winning, but maybe that's (cough) as far as I'm concerned....

## I put some new shoes on and everything is finally feeling all right

How Typical



Michael McManus

coveted profile song on my Myspace.com page.

"Hey, I put my new shoes on and suddenly everything's right." That is the phrase that echoes through my ears whenever I check my page for the most recent comment. I'm actually checking as I'm writing these words. Alas, no new comment, but a soothing song instead.

At first it was merely a fun song. I enjoyed the beat and I thought the lyrics were creative as well. Then, I looked down at my shoes. I was not wearing new shoes, and everything was in fact not all right.

I am the farthest thing from a fashion connoisseur. My usual outfits consist of old jeans and hooded sweatshirts. I guess you could say that I wear what I feel.

My life is a whirlwind of disarray right now. I work 80-plus hours a week, go to school and attempt to have some sort of a social life in between. I go to bed at 2 a.m., wake up at 7 a.m. and continue this routine throughout the week. When I wake up, the last thing on my mind is clothing. I usually grab the first shirt I find,

I've become mildly obsessed with the new Paolo Nutini song "New Shoes." So much so that it has recently taken over as the

throw on pants and put on whatever shoes are closest to me. Being that I wear what I feel, I suppose that means I look like crap.

Well, I knew that something had to be done. I'm 22-years-old and wanted everything to be "right." I wanted to go out with my friends. I wanted to taste the sweet ecstasy of a can of Bud Light on a work night. I wanted to be young again. So, I quit my job. Perhaps not the most responsible decision, but it was the best decision for me.

An even better decision? Shortly after I handed my boss my resignation letter, I went out and bought new shoes. For the first time in a long time, everything felt like it was going to be all right.

I've honestly forgotten how it feels to wake up and breath a sigh of relief knowing that you have nothing to do that day. I long for the days of lying on the couch, flipping through the endless options that my digital cable offers. I smile that those days are but a mere few weeks away.

I've been writing quite a few self-help columns lately, so why stop now. I ask you all to look at your shoes. Are the shoes you are wearing a reflection of how you feel? Are those torn Nike pumps a reflection of the torn heart that sits inside your chest?

Upon writing this question, I asked my roommate for an answer. She gave me nothing but silence. She then gently removed her shoe, and threw it at my leg.

Hate if you will. I have new shoes and everything's all right.

Check out the song here [myspace.com/11031691](http://myspace.com/11031691)

## Metropolitan vision deserves enthusiastic support, thoughtful questions

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

As cynical as I sometimes feel, I really am an idealist at heart, so I'm used to the idea of working for the sake of the big picture. World peace, social justice, human equality, animal rights: Whatever the cause, I'm at least use to the idea of striving towards it. Often I understand the notion of personally sacrificing convenience, time and effort for such noble goals.

So the idea of the UNO community working together to build a better university, with a metropolitan institution rising from the ashes of our reborn commuter campus, makes a lot of sense to me.

I appreciate this college and the University of Nebraska system. I love the opportunities that I have been offered here, and I have the utmost respect for the practice of learning in general, particularly at the levels achieved at our university. With every ounce of sincerity, I wish UNO well.

I also understand that this metropolitan vision is bigger than those students who are passing through the university during the interim. The cohorts of students enrolling, achieving and graduating during this rebirth are not exclusively the ends of university policy. Rather the long-term successfulness of the institution along with all future generations of students must be considered.

It's a vision worth supporting, and I certainly do.

However, such enthusiastic support of a vision should never be given lightly or without question. To do that would

invite blind devotion to take hold, potentially leading to irrational choices, incoherent positions, unacceptable policies and intolerant plans.

Even if you feel those words too be too harsh, everyone can certainly agree that to not examine and, when justified, challenge the goals of any institution can lead to less than optimal outcomes for all parties involved, even those touting the institution's aims as wonderful.

After all, any sufficiently large institution is going to have common social ties, including historical, political, cultural and ideological relationships. Universities are far from exceptions to this rule. If you need proof, just consider the perpetual debate over the ramifications of reappointment and tenure decisions or how money and other limited resources are allocated among university units.

Of course, this is not to say that such decisions are wrong or without foundation. All I am saying is that it would be absurd to consider these decisions divorced from the institution and political animals making them, and anything involving politics or cultural influences probably should be examined.

Because of this, I would urge everyone at UNO to make sure they are informed about what is going on at our campus. Attend the various workshops and informational sessions around campus. Participate in dialogues. Read the *Gateway*. Participate in the next strategic planning advance hosted by the university. Talk with administrators.

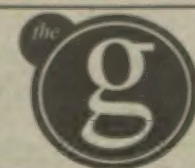
While doing all this, though, realize that just being informed is not enough. It's equally important to ask questions, challenge ideas that don't make sense and assure that everyone involved in the campus metamorphosis has a voice in its development.

There's a difference between trusting in the university vision and the folly of thinking that it's achievable without your input. UNO is at a crossroads, and it will take the effort of everyone here to make sure that we find the best direction for our university.

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and surveys the first and last week of the pilot.

"On the second-to-last day we did more surveys," said Hulstein. "We've gotten a lot of comments on the [student government] Web site."

Hulstein said the survey data from the last week would be available next week, and a proposal would then be submitted to SABC.

"It's not going to cost a whole lot," said Hulstein. "We'll ... be able to expand outside of the original locations, adding spots at the dorms, Scott south and north, and University Village."

The idea of a student fee increase doesn't seem to bother many UNO students, even those who didn't know why there were free newspapers.

"I didn't realize that's what the papers were for, but I wouldn't mind an increase if it kept the papers," said Kyle Acre, a sophomore pre-med athletic trainer. Hulstein also urged students to write student government with more than just support. Their ideas are welcome too.

Students are being encouraged to help come up with names for the program, mirroring Lincoln's "Big Red Read" program name.

"It would be wonderful if students would submit ideas for the readership to the Web site," said Hulstein. "That's something we would like to do to make it our own."

Students can access student government's Web site at [sguno.unomaha.edu](http://sguno.unomaha.edu).

From **MEN'S B-BALL:** Page 7

Nebraska-Omaha take a 34-29 lead into the locker room at halftime. A battle ensued in the second half, but a valiant effort by the Mavericks fell just short.

Junior forward Denny Johnston grabbed a missed free throw with seconds left and managed to get a decent look, but his attempt to tie hit the front of the iron as time expired. The visiting Mavericks squeaked by with a 62-59 win.

"It was right on line," said Johnston of his last-second try. "Two inches further and it's in."

This isn't the first time the Mavericks have lost a close one, and the junior from Westside High School knows it.

"We've lost so many close ones, and it's been really frustrating," Johnston said. "Guys put up the effort, and it just hasn't

been there in the end."

Although the result wasn't what the Mavericks were hoping for, Coach Derrin Hansen knew that Mankato was an outstanding team and his Mavericks gave everything they had.

"I'm proud of the way they competed together," said Hansen. "Now we just need to finish the season strong."

UNO is now 11-12 on the season, 2-7 in NCC Conference play.

The Mavericks will stay in-state for their upcoming road game, traveling to Kearney to play the University of Nebraska-Kearney Lopers Tuesday night at 7 p.m. The players are hungry to end their four-game skid by beating their cross-state foes.

"That's a great interstate rivalry," noted Johnston with a smile. "It'll be fun."

From **BIRD FLU:** Page 1

of the state could easily be wiped out."

Schaefer said many things that may help include "closing schools, public events and practicing some social distancing." Good hygiene and early communication are also key to controlling the risks.

"We know we can decrease the illness and death toll, and the surge on health care," said Schaefer.

The Incident Command, UNO's disaster management team, has yet to

put plans for an avian flu pandemic into place, said Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor of student affairs. The team is finalizing the disaster plans and will put them into place once they've been approved, said Robinson.

But even if a global pandemic does occur, Adler said, "people will still have heart attacks, the hospitals will still birth babies." The concern for the community would be how to manage the extra patients.

Fortunately, human-to-human transmission of avian flu, which would be needed for a major pandemic outbreak of the disease, has not yet been documented. Should the time come, though, it will likely be painfully obvious.

"It wouldn't go very far without us realizing it had changed," said Schaefer. "The death toll would be so high, so fast, it would be hard to mistake it for anything else."

The avian flu isn't all bad news.

Schaefer added. It is "the most extraordinary global communicative and collaborative event in history, from a public health standpoint."

Of course, the best result would be that all these preparations go to waste because no major outbreak ever occurs. This is something Alder is more than comfortable with.

"Even with all the work we've put in, I would be delighted if [an avian flu pandemic] didn't happen," she said.

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The plans boast a towering glass entryway, multilevel parking and additional multi-use courts as well as a social area as well as a hot tub and spa area. Blanke anticipates these plans will go in front of the Board of Regents at their April 20 meeting, where a decision will be reached on whether to go ahead with the renovation.

In addition to improving the facilities, Student Health Services would also find a new home inside the renovated HPER building. Health Services is currently housed on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center and is greatly restricted by

space. If the move is approved, Blanke said health services have the potential to add more staff and provide improved services to the students.

Director of Student Health Services Marcia Adler agreed with Blanke, saying increased space will allow for additions like a new x-ray machine.

"I think it will be a wonderful opportunity for students," Alder said. "I view it as a positive thing. It will only enhance what we are able to do for students."

Alder added that the move would place

her organization along with other Fund B student-fee funded entities, rather than student center's cafeteria and bookstore.

Jim Kaminski, director of campus recreation, said that if the plan gets the green light it would potentially raise student fees by \$95 a semester. Students already pay \$40 per semester on a previous addition to the Milo Bail Student Center.

Because the project would be funded solely through student fees, "only spaces which are student accessible would be renovated," Kaminski said. Meaning, any facilities that are used by "academia,"

such as classrooms and labs, would go untouched.

Both Kaminski and Blanke have been asking for input and support from the student body to help move the project along. The two are hosting a series of building expansion presentations across campus, giving attendees some history of the facilities and a detailed outline of what the plan entails. A list of presentation times and the design plans for the expansion can be found on the Campus Recreation homepage, [unomaha.edu/wwwocr/renovation.php](http://unomaha.edu/wwwocr/renovation.php).

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